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1. Construction work

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Engineer Jakovblewski (fnu) supervised construction work for the Soviet Air Force in the Weisse Stadt Settlement and at Oranienburg airfield. In late June 1955, it was learned [redacted] that a brick quartering building was to be constructed on that side of the airfield which is close to the Loogebruck (swamp). At first a supply-pipe had to be laid, and a wooden bridge over the Muhr ditch had to be constructed. This work was to begin on 14 July. It was further planned to construct quartering barracks in the Malz area for the crews of the AA gun emplacement and the searchlights. ¹

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2. Weisse Stadt

Between 5 and 9 July 1955, the rooms on the 4 northern entrances of building No. 9 were occupied by 70 to 80 ground personnel who had formerly been quartered in building No. 6. The rooms on the 2 southern entrances were still vacant, and the rooms on the other 5 entrances were occupied by about 100 ground personnel. [redacted]

[redacted] Some private work was to be carried out for Lieutenant Colonel Kiantsanov (fnu) who belonged to the staff and had his office and billet in building No. 1. ²

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A van-like truck, presumably a workshop truck

Trucks both drivers with red-bordered black epaulets, came from the direction of the airfield and entered the Weisse Stadt Settlement. The driver of the first truck wore the motor transport insignia.

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4. AA units

During the night of 29/30 May, a portion of Sachsenhausen Camp was newly occupied by about 500 Soviet Army soldiers. Lieutenant Colonel Fillapov (fmu) was the supply officer of this unit. On 3 June, Major Monkevich (fmu) of the Eberswalde KEZ visited the new troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia, and some with tank insignia and signal insignia. Eight canvas-covered AA guns, presumably 25-mm, were observed in the housing area. No tanks were seen. A total of 50 to 60 trucks were available. A sum of 80,000 DME was allotted by the Kech Office for the necessary repair work in the quarters. The kitchen was to be equipped with 2 new boilers, one with a capacity of 600-liters, the standard size for 500 men. One of a row of houses, which previously housed a kitchen and messhall, was to be converted into a headquarters building with several classrooms.

On 9 or 10 June, elements of the AA unit were transferred to Oranienburg airfield and quartered in tents on the Leegebruch side. The construction of a brick building for 120 men was planned to be completed by about mid-September 1955. Billets of the same type had already been built for AA units at Gross Doelin and Werneuchen airfields. Additional brick buildings for an unknown purpose were planned at Oranienburg airfield.

On 18 July, 8 tents were moved from the Leegebruch side to the place east of the Langar just next to the underwood along Oranienburg Channel. The transfer was presumably done in connection with construction work. The guns could not be observed probably because of the good camouflage.

On 19 July, only 6 tents were observed in the northeastern section of the field, while 2 tents were again rigged on the Leegebruch side. ³

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5. Searchlight

On 30 June, a searchlight, about 1.5 meters in diameter, was observed northwest of Oranienburg airfield. A barrack, 9.3. x 4.3 meters, for about 20 men was to be built near the searchlight by 10 July. The barrack was to house a kitchen and a storage room.

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6. Weisse Stadt

In early July, the occupation strength of Weisse Stadt seemed to be unchanged. Some re-arrangements had occurred within the buildings in connection with renovating work. Buildings Nos. 7, 9, 11, 12, 14, and 15 were to be completed by 5 July. At that time, the buildings were in the following status:

Building No 2: a small portion which was still occupied was to be renovated and equipped as billets for unmarried officers.

Building No 7: completed and half occupied by civilian Russians including women who were employed as office personnel and saleswomen in the PX.

Building No 9: completed and occupied by EM from building No 2; chief of the unit was Lieutenant Colonel Tsukanov (fmu).

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Building No.10: the rooms on the first story on the 4 southern staircases were equipped as EM kitchens and messhalls. The upper story and the ground floor on the western staircase were to house EM billets. The rooms on the northernmost staircase were equipped as HO shop for EM.

Building No.11: intended to be used as EM billets. It was not yet completed ~~since~~ the EM previously quartered there had moved only recently to the rooms on the 3 northern staircases of building No 9.

Building No.12: completed and intended to be occupied by officers' dependents.

Building No.13: billets for officers' dependents. The rooms on the 2 northern staircases were used as classrooms for Russian children.

Building No.14: completed and occupied by officers' dependents to 60 percent.

Building No.15: completed and occupied by officers' dependents to 50 percent.

Building No.16: headquarters building, the rooms on 2 staircases were occupied. A watch tower, glazed on all sides, was built on top of this building. About 12 canvas-covered instruments, each about 80 x 80 x 80 cm, were seen in the middle of the room on the southernmost staircase. Additional instruments of slightly different appearance were stored in the room adjacent to the one mentioned.

Renovating work on the other buildings Nos.4, 5, 6 and 10 was to be completed by 25 July. The craftsmen at first refused to start work because of too much dirt and many bugs.

A major general, who used sedan [redacted] had his office rooms on the northern staircase of building No.16.

Major Guzakov (inu) was the supply officer of the unit quartered in building No.8. 5

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7. Air activity and aircraft.

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On 28 June, two Il-28s [redacted] practiced take-offs and landings.

In early June, no changes were observed in the aircraft strength. Almost all Il-28s were parked in the revetments and individual aircraft were still seen on the runway and taxiway.

On 14 July, repair work was presumably done on 5 Il-28s just west of the hangar.

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1. [redacted] Comment. The buildings at Oranienburg airfield probably were quartering facilities for the operating personnel of the AA guns and searchlight. Similar buildings for AA soldiers were previously constructed at other airfields.

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2. [redacted]
3. [redacted] Comment. Shipments with AA units arrived in Oranienburg from Stendal in late May 1955 and from an unidentified direction on 19 June 1955.

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The units and number of assigned AA guns could not be identified. Elements of the units are still quartered in Sachsenhausen Camp, Weisse Stadt Settlement and on Oranienburg airfield.

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4. Comment. The searchlight station is probably manned by soldiers of an OATB. 25X1
5. Comment. The personnel quartering in the individual buildings in Weisse Stadt are still being changed due to renovating work. A watch tower for the division headquarters is probably being set up on headquarters building No.16. 25X1

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